



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
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Town Clerk (860)441-6640  
Town Manager (860)441-6630

*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski,  
Frank O'Beirne, Jr., John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, James L. Streeter, and Elissa T. Wright.*

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2006-0186 Proclamation Honoring Robert Bridgman, Jake Fox and  
David Lee

Proclamation - TC

Presentation of Awards for Independence Day Parade

#### IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

##### a. Approval of Minutes

2006-0205 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of June 20, 2006 and July 11, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2005-0231 Regional Sewer System Issues

Referral

2006-0041 Senior Center Needs Assessment

Referral

2006-0121 Elderly Tax Relief Program

Referral

2006-0196 Liberty Bank Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy  
Playground

Referral

2006-0197 Dominion Corporation Community Relations Grant -  
Tercentennial Legacy Playground

Referral

2006-0199 L&M Hospital Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground

Referral

2006-0200	Ronald McDonald House Charities Funding - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0203	Community Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0202	Representation on Outside Agencies	Referral
2006-0206	Revised Position Descriptions for Building Inspector (Inspector II) and Inspector II - Code Enforcement	Resolution
2006-0207	Revised Position Description for Food Service Worker II	Resolution

**c. Special Trust Fund Contributions**

2006-0193	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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## RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Various Donations - \$12.90 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Jean Simpson - \$60.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Donation in honor of Marley Robinson - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Paul R. Kennedy - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary  
Bank Square Books Ltd - \$200.00 - Arts Cafe-Mystic  
Groton Ledyard Rotary Foundation - \$200.00 - Library Discretionary

**VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Scott
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Wright
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****X. NEW BUSINESS**

**2006-0196      Liberty Bank Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply to the Liberty Bank Foundation for a grant of \$5,000.

**Legislative History**

6/26/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
7/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0197      Dominion Corporation Community Relations Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a Dominion Foundation Community Relations grant of \$15,000.

**Legislative History**

6/26/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
7/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0199      L&M Hospital Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a Lawrence & Memorial Hospital grant of \$10,000.

**Legislative History**

6/29/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
7/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0200      Ronald McDonald House Charities Funding - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

**Legislative History**

7/5/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
7/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0203      Community Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a grant from the Community Foundation.

**Legislative History**

7/7/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
7/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0202      Representation on Outside Agencies      Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton makes contributions to outside cultural and service agencies, and

WHEREAS, Section 8.10 of the Town Charter requires that each organization have at least one board member who has been nominated by the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following representatives are approved for Fiscal Year 2005-06:

Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center - Jerry Olson, Groton Shopping Plaza/Plaza Court, Long Hill Road, Groton

SCADD - Dorothy Eames, 83 Pine Island Road, Groton

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut - Mary Turgeon, 178 Cedar Road, Mystic

Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Jane Moriarty, 77 Cottage Street, Groton

Sound Community Services (First Step) - Rosemary Robertson, 7 Carol Court, Groton

ARC of Southeastern Connecticut - Enrico DeMatto, 401 Sandy Hollow Road, Mystic

Connecticut Legal Services - Timothy D. Bates, Esq., 65 Front Street, Noank

TVCCA - Gayle Jones, 32 St. Joseph Court, Groton

United Community Services - Paul Mathieu, 34 Middlefield, Groton Long Point

Boys and Girls Club - Lynn Kelly, 60 Seneca Drive, Noank

M.A.S.H. - Marjorie D. Fondulas, 160 Mitchell Street, Groton

Eastern Connecticut Symphony - Julie Maisch, 42 Circle Avenue, Groton

Mystic and Noank Library - A. Neil Brown, 79 Edgecomb Street, Mystic

Bill Memorial Library - Charlotte Barnum, 20 Chestnut Hill Square, Groton

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Jane Moriarty, 77 Cottage Street, Groton

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut - Kathleen Crook, 804 Shennecossett Road, Groton

Groton Ambulance Association - George T. Law, 62R Fort Hill Road, Groton

Mystic River Ambulance Association - Richard Green, 146 Breezy Knoll, Mystic

**Legislative History**

7/5/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
7/11/2006	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0121 Elderly Tax Relief Program Referral**

**RESOLUTION INVESTIGATING ELDERLY TAX RELIEF**

WHEREAS, some older and disabled residents of the Town of Groton face very serious financial hardships that leave them unable to pay their real estate property taxes, and

WHEREAS, Connecticut law at 12 C.G.S. 129n, permits a town to provide tax relief after considering the fiscal effect of such tax relief, and

WHEREAS, state law requires that, prior to the Town Council enacting a plan for such tax relief, a committee of at least five resident taxpayers must be appointed by the Town Manager, said committee to report on the fiscal impact of the property tax relief and to recommend the form and extent of such tax relief, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council wishes to establish a fair and helpful tax relief plan for older and disabled resident taxpayers, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council wishes to have a committee of resident taxpayers established by the Town Manager at an appropriate time prior to the initial approval of such a tax relief plan by the Town Council.

**Legislative History**

4/4/2006	Town Council	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
<i>Councilor Bond requested a new referral be made to the Finance Committee. She would like the Council to discuss the option of an ordinance for an elderly tax relief program. The primary objective of this program would be to freeze real estate taxes of elderly taxpayers who would qualify based upon parameters set by the Town Council.</i>			
4/11/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Discussed	
6/13/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
7/11/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2006-0206 Revised Position Descriptions for Building Inspector (Inspector II) and Inspector II - Code Enforcement Resolution**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR (INSPECTOR II) AND INSPECTOR II - CODE ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town's Office of Planning and Development has proposed a revision in the job description of Building Inspector (Inspector II) to precisely specify the qualifications required by the Connecticut General Statutes, and

WHEREAS, a revision is also proposed for the position of Inspector II for Code Enforcement to take into account certain evolving changes in the needs for various inspection functions other than building code inspections, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the job descriptions for Building Inspector (Inspector II) and Inspector II - Code Enforcement, dated July 2006.

Legislative History

7/11/2006      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules      Resolution  
/Legislation Committee

**2006-0207      Revised Position Description for Food Service Worker II      Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FOOD SERVICE WORKER II

WHEREAS, changes in the Meals-on-Wheels program and increased participation in the regular and special meal programs at the Senior Center have increased the number of meals served there, and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Food Operator must be on site to handle the additional work and to be responsible for compliance with food service sanitation and health codes when the Food Service Supervisor is unavailable, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the replacement of the position of Part-time Food Service Worker II (19 hours per week) with the new job description, dated July 2006, for Regular Part-time Food Service Worker II (30 hours per week).

Legislative History

7/11/2006      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules      Resolution  
/Legislation Committee

**XI.      OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII.      ADJOURNMENT**